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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: ETRD, EEC, MTN SUBJECT: MTN: TARIFFS

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 4527, (B) BRUSSELS 4948, (C) PARIS 8779

1. DANISH SOURCE, WHO IS CURRENTLY CHAIRMAN OF THE
ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE AT DEPUTY LEVEL, CONFIRMS
INFORMATION IN REFTELS THAT COMMISSION AND MEMBER
STATES ARE SEEKING TO CONCLUDE ASSESSMENT OF US
TARIFF OFFER IN A TWO-STEP PROCESS WHICH WOULD FIRST
IDENTIFY PRODUCTS ON WHICH TO REQUEST AN IMPROVEMENT OF US OFFER AND SECONDLY LIST PRODUCTS FOR EC
WITHDRAWAL. LIKE COMMISSION SOURCE, DANE BELIEVES
THERE IS SOME PROBABILITY THAT BOTH MEASURES WILL
BE APPROVED FOLLOWING TWO-DAY DEPUTIES MEETING MARCH 15-16
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AND HIGH LEVEL 113 COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 17.

2. SOURCE NOTED THAT AT LEAST TWO MEMBER STATES, FRANCE AND UK, ARE INTERESTED IN TELESCOPING FIRST PHASE, I.E. REQUESTS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND MOVING RAPIDLY TOWARD WITHDRAWAL. HE NOTED THAT DANISH GOVERNMENT, LIKE USG, IS INTERESTED IN SIGNIFICANT

TARIFF REDUCTIONS. THEREFORE, IF US CAN PROVIDE ANY INDICATION, BY PRODUCT CATEGORIES, OF AREAS WHERE IMPROVEMENT OF US OFFER IS POSSIBLE, DANES WOULD BE WILLING TO TRY TO STEER 113 COMMITTEE DISCUSSION IN THOSE DIRECTIONS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT WASHINGTON AND MTN DEL CONSIDER WHETHER IT APPROPRIATE TO PASS ANY INDICATIONS TO DANISH MISSION HERE OF AREAS WHERE US OFFER IS OPEN TO IMPROVEMENT AND, IF SO, ADVISE SOONEST. MORRIS

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